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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-73 (canceled).

Claim 74 (new): A voice acquisition system for a vehicle comprising:

- a module attached at an inner surface portion of the windshield of the vehicle;
- said module including at least one microphone for receiving audio signals within a cabin of the vehicle and generating an output signal indicative of said audio signals, said at least one microphone providing sound capture for at least one of a hands free cell phone system, an audio recording system and an emergency communication system;
- a control operable to receive said output signal from said at least one microphone, said control being operable to distinguish the presence of vocal signals from non-vocal signals;
- said module including at least one additional accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, a light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass display, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker; and
- wherein said module attaches at said windshield by at least one of a mechanical attachment and an adhesive attachment.

75 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said at least one microphone comprises at least two microphones which generate output signals indicative of sound generated within the vehicle cabin.

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76 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 75, wherein at least one of said at least two microphones is directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

77 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 75, wherein said control is operable to select at least one of said output signals from said at least two microphones.

78 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by an adhesive attachment.

79 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by a mechanical attachment.

80 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 79, wherein said module is mechanically attached to a mounting bracket adhered to the windshield.

81 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said control is operable to distinguish said vocal signals received at said at least one microphone from said non-vocal signals by a ratio of at least 10:1.

82 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said at least one microphone comprises a single directional microphone fixedly mounted and directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

83 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74 including an indicator operable to indicate when said vocal signals are being adequately distinguished by said control.

84 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said module is attached at said windshield of the vehicle at a windshield portion located between an interior rearview mirror assembly and a headliner extending along an upper edge of the windshield.

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85 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 84, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes at least one control input for at least one accessory of the vehicle.

86 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 85, wherein said at least one accessory of the vehicle comprises at least one of a map reading light, a temperature display, a compass display, a global positioning system antenna, a rain sensor, a video system, a tire pressure display and a security system.

87 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 84, wherein at least one other accessory is included in said interior rearview mirror assembly.

88 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 84, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly comprises an electrochromic reflector element having electrically variable reflectivity.

89 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 88, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes electronic circuitry for at least adjusting the reflectivity of said electrochromic reflector element.

90 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 89, wherein said at least one microphone at least one of: a) accesses a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly, and b) shares a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly.

91 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 90, wherein said electronic circuitry is associated with at least one mirror-based accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, an interior light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure

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indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker.

92 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74 including an illumination source for a vehicle security system.

93 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 92, wherein said illumination source for a vehicle security system is one of (i) included in an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (ii) positioned adjacent to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (iii) included in an attachment to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, and (iv) included in said module.

94 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to control a mechatronic element.

95 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to communicate with devices or components in the vehicle via at least one of a network and a multiplex system.

96 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said non-vocal signals originate from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of engine noise, road noise, wind noise, HVAC noise, a radio and a turn signal.

97 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said non-vocal signals originate from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of wind noise, a radio and HVAC noise, said voice acquisition system being operable to automatically adjust at least one of a) a window setting, b) a radio volume and c) a fan speed of a blower in response to said noise.

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98 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for a hands free cell phone system.

99 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an audio recording system.

100 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 74, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an emergency communication system.

101 (new): A voice acquisition system for a vehicle comprising:

- a module attached at an inner surface portion of the windshield of the vehicle;
- said module including at least one microphone for receiving audio signals within a cabin of the vehicle and generating an output signal indicative of said audio signals;
- a control operable to receive said output signal from said at least one microphone, said control being operable to distinguish the presence of vocal signals from non-vocal signals, said non-vocal signals originating from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of engine noise, road noise, wind noise, HVAC noise, a radio and a turn signal;
- said module including at least one additional accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, a light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass display, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker; and
- wherein said module attaches at said windshield by at least one of a mechanical attachment and an adhesive attachment.

102 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said at least one microphone comprises at least two microphones which generate output signals indicative of sound generated within the vehicle cabin.

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103 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 102, wherein at least one of said at least two microphones is directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

104 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 102, wherein said control is operable to select at least one of said output signals from said at least two microphones.

105 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 102, wherein said at least two microphones provide sound capture for at least one of a hands free cell phone system, an audio recording system and an emergency communication system.

106 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by an adhesive attachment.

107 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by a mechanical attachment.

108 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 107, wherein said module is mechanically attached to a mounting bracket adhered to the windshield.

109 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said control is operable to distinguish said vocal signals received at said at least one microphone from said non-vocal signals by a ratio of at least 10:1.

110 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said at least one microphone comprises a single directional microphone fixedly mounted and directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

111 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101 including an indicator operable to indicate when said vocal signals are being adequately distinguished by said control.

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112 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said module is attached at said windshield of the vehicle at a windshield portion located between an interior rearview mirror assembly and a headliner extending along an upper edge of the windshield.

113 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 112, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes at least one control input for at least one accessory of the vehicle.

114 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 113, wherein said at least one accessory of the vehicle comprises at least one of a map reading light, a temperature display, a compass display, a global positioning system antenna, a rain sensor, a video system, a tire pressure display and a security system.

115 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 112, wherein at least one other accessory is included in said interior rearview mirror assembly.

116 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 112, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly comprises an electrochromic reflector element having electrically variable reflectivity.

117 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 116, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes electronic circuitry for at least adjusting the reflectivity of said electrochromic reflector element.

118 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 117, wherein said at least one microphone at least one of: a) accesses a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly, and b) shares a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly.

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119 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 118, wherein said electronic circuitry is associated with at least one mirror-based accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, an interior light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker.

120 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101 including an illumination source for a vehicle security system.

121 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 120, wherein said illumination source for a vehicle security system is one of (i) included in an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (ii) positioned adjacent to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (iii) included in an attachment to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, and (iv) included in said module.

122 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to control a mechatronic element.

123 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to communicate with devices or components in the vehicle via at least one of a network and a multiplex system.

124 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said non-vocal signals originate from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of wind noise, a radio and HVAC noise, said voice acquisition system being operable to automatically adjust at least one of a) a window setting, b) a radio volume and c) a fan speed of a blower in response to said noise.

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125 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for a hands free cell phone system.

126 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an audio recording system.

127 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 101, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an emergency communication system.

128 (new): A voice acquisition system for a vehicle comprising:

- a module attached at an inner surface portion of the windshield of the vehicle;
- said module including at least one microphone for receiving audio signals within a cabin of the vehicle and generating an output signal indicative of said audio signals;
- a control operable to receive said output signal from said at least one microphone, said control being operable to distinguish the presence of vocal signals from non-vocal signals, said non-vocal signals originating from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of engine noise, road noise, wind noise, HVAC noise, a radio and a turn signal;
- said module including at least one additional accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, a light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass display, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker; and
- wherein said module attaches at said windshield by at least one of a mechanical attachment and an adhesive attachment, said module being attached at a windshield portion below a headliner extending along an upper edge of the windshield.

129 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said at least one microphone comprises at least two microphones which generate output signals indicative of sound generated within the vehicle cabin.

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130 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 129, wherein at least one of said at least two microphones is directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

131 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 129, wherein said control is operable to select at least one of said output signals from said at least two microphones.

132 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 129, wherein said at least two microphones provide sound capture for at least one of a hands free cell phone system, an audio recording system and an emergency communication system.

133 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by an adhesive attachment.

134 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said module attaches at said windshield by a mechanical attachment.

135 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 134, wherein said module is mechanically attached to a mounting bracket adhered to the windshield.

136 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said control is operable to distinguish said vocal signals received at said at least one microphone from said non-vocal signals by a ratio of at least 10:1.

137 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said at least one microphone comprises a single directional microphone fixedly mounted and directed toward an area encompassing the general location of a head of a driver of the vehicle.

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138 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128 including an indicator operable to indicate when said vocal signals are being adequately distinguished by said control.

139 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said module is attached at a windshield portion between an interior rearview mirror assembly and said headliner.

140 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 139, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes at least one control input for at least one accessory of the vehicle.

141 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 140, wherein said at least one accessory of the vehicle comprises at least one of a map reading light, a temperature display, a compass display, a global positioning system antenna, a rain sensor, a video system, a tire pressure display and a security system.

142 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 139, wherein at least one other accessory is included in said interior rearview mirror assembly.

143 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 139, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly comprises an electrochromic reflector element having electrically variable reflectivity.

144 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 143, wherein said interior rearview mirror assembly includes electronic circuitry for at least adjusting the reflectivity of said electrochromic reflector element.

145 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 144, wherein said at least one microphone at least one of: a) accesses a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly, and b) shares a component of said electronic circuitry of said interior rearview mirror assembly.

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146 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 145, wherein said electronic circuitry is associated with at least one mirror-based accessory selected from the group consisting of a global positioning system antenna, a motion sensor, a rain sensor, a video device, an interior light of the vehicle, an automatic toll booth transducer, a security system status indicator, a compass, a compass sensor, a temperature display, a temperature sensor, a tire pressure indicator display, a seat occupancy detection antenna, a seat occupancy detection transducer and a loudspeaker.

147 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128 including an illumination source for a vehicle security system.

148 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 147, wherein said illumination source for a vehicle security system is one of (i) included in an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (ii) positioned adjacent to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, (iii) included in an attachment to an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, and (iv) included in said module.

149 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to control a mechatronic element.

150 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said voice acquisition system is operable to communicate with devices or components in the vehicle via at least one of a network and a multiplex system.

151 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said non-vocal signals originate from at least one noise source selected from the group consisting of wind noise, a radio and HVAC noise, said voice acquisition system being operable to automatically adjust at least one of a) a window setting, b) a radio volume and c) a fan speed of a blower in response to said noise.

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152 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for a hands free cell phone system.

153 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an audio recording system.

154 (new): The voice acquisition system of claim 128, wherein said at least one microphone provides sound capture for an emergency communication system.